

# A PROCLAMATION.

*For In-bringing the Accompt of all the Hearths in this Kingdom.*



WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith To Our Lovits,

Macers of our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally, Specially constituted Greeting: Whereas the Estates of Parliament of our Antient Kingdom of Scotland, by their Act of the date the tenth day of September Current, upon the particular Considerations therein-express; And in-Lieu and Recompense of the sixth part of the Annual Rent and Annuities for one year, granted to Us by an Act of the second Session of Our Parliament: Have made an humble Tender and Offer to Us, of Three Moneths Supply payable at the Term of Martinmas next, and the Sum of Fourteen Shilling Scots for every Hearth within

In this Our Kingdom, to be payed at *Candlemas* next to come, one thousand six hundred and nintie one, by the Inhabitants dwelling in the Houses where the saids Hearths are, without exception or exemption of any, except the Hearths of Hospitals and poor People, who are upon the Charity of the Paroch; And where any Houses are not Inhabited, that the said Hearth-money shall be payed by the Heretors or proper Wodsetters to whom the same for the time doth belong: And by which Act it is Declared, that the Hearth-money, and the three Moneths Supply thereby given to Us, shall in the first place be Applied for payment of the Sums due to the several Shires and Burghs of this Our Antient Kingdom, Furnished, Advanced or Payed by the to Our Forces, the samen being instructed and liquidat, according to the rule prescribed by the third Act of the Parliament one thousand six hundred and eightie one; And likewise for payment of the bygone Arriers due to Our Army. And We Resolving, that the foresaid Imposition of Fourteen Shilling Scots granted to Us for every Hearth within Our Kingdom, aswell as the said Three Moneths Supply, shall in the first place be applied to the Effect above-written. And Considering, that by an other Act of the Third Session of Our Current Parliament, of the date the said tenth day of September instant, The Lords of our Privy Council, are Impowered to give such Orders for Collecting and Ingathering of the said Hearth-Money granted by the foresaid Act of Parliament, as they shall judge fit; Therefore, We with Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby peremptorly Command and require, the Magistrats of our Burghs Royal, on this side of the water of Tay, betwixt and the fifteenth day of October next, and these beyond the same betwixt and the Twenty day of the said Moneth of October next, to meet in their several Burghs, and make a true and exact Tryal and Inquiry what number of Houses and Tenements, Milns, Smiddies, Kills for drying of Grain, Ovens, Furnaces for Brewing, Salt-pans, Soap, and Glas-works are within their respective Jurisdictions and Liberties, as well these Inhabited, as these which are Waste, and who are the Possessors of the same, and who are the owners of such as are waste, (excepting always Hospitals, and the houses of poor People, who are upon the Charity of the several Burghs) and what number of Hearths are in each House, Lodging or Tenement and others foresaid, and what the total Number of these Hearths do amount to, and transmit an Duplicat thereof under their Hands to the Clerks of our Privy Council, conform to the said Act of Parliament, betwixt and the following, viz. the Burrows on this side of the water of Tay betwixt and the first of November next, & these beyond the same betwixt & the tenth day of the said moneth. And We with Advice of the saids Lords of Our Privy Council, Do in like manner strictly Require and Command, all the Heretors, Liferenters, and proper Wodsetters, and the Tutors or Curators of such of them as are Minors, and the Factors and Chamberlains of such as live upon the place, or are absent forth of this Our Realm, in the several Paroches on this side of the Water of Tay, to meet at the Paroch-Kirk of the said respective Paroches, at any time betwixt and the twenty day of October next to come; and the Heretors, and others foresaid beyond the said Water of Tay, to meet at the Paroch Kirk of the saids Paroches respectively, at any time betwixt and the twenty fifth day of the said Moneth of October next, and to make true and exact Lists, what number of Hearths are in the several Houses and others foresaid of the saids Paroches, and how many Hearths are in the several Rouns, Steids and Houses, their Tennents, Sub-tennants, Cottars and others, or waste and un-inhabited within their Ground, and the names of the Proprietars thereof, (excepting always Hospitals, and the Houses of poor people, who are upon the Charity of the several Burghs) and what is the total number of the Hearths as aforesaid of the respective Paroches; And We appoint all, or the major part of them, to subscribe the said Accompt, and Transmit the same to the Commissioners of Supply, or their Clerks, within the respective Burghs. We hereby appoint to meet at the Head-Burghs of the several Shires or Stewartries, where the Stewartries lyes not, within the next six dayes, after the respective last dyets appointed for Meeting of the Heretors, and there to examine out of what manner they shall take the most effectual and speedy course for making full and true Lists of all the Hearths abovespecified within the respective Burghs, and the Lists to be reported to them, whether by appointing particular persons for making up the exact Lists of these Hearths, or otherwise, as they shall think fit. And We Ordain the Clerks of the saids Commissioners of Supply, carefully to Transmit the saids Lists to the Privy Council, betwixt and the dayes following, To wit, These on this side of the Water of Tay, betwixt and the fifth day of November next, and these beyond the same, betwixt and the fifteenth day of the said Moneth of November. And We do hereby Declare, that the Heretors, Liferenters or proper Wodsetters, or others foresaid, who shall meet the saids days, albeit there be but one of them, shall be bound to the Effect above-written. And We Command the Magistrats of Our Burrows-Royal, and the Heretors, Liferenters and proper Wodsetters of the Landward Paroches, to give exact and punctual obedience to Our Commands in the Premisses, as the same shall require, under pain of perril; With Certification to such who shall contemn or neglect the same, they shall be charged to the effect above-written; and in case they shall prove Contumacious and Disobedient, that they shall be Denounced Our Rebels, and their Goods and Chattels shall be inbrought to Our use. Our Will is herefore, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent thereof, the great-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries, Our Name and Authority make publication hereof. And We with Advice foresaid, Ordain the Sheriffs and Stewartries, and where there are no Sheriffs or Stewart-Clerks, the Clerks to the Commissioners of Supply, to cause the saids Lists to be publicly read the Sabbath following, after the Forenoons Sermon, in the Church or Meeting-house, or otherways, in case there be no Preaching, in the Paroch, to one of the Heretors thereof, that he may make Intimation thereof to the Heretors, Liferenters and proper Wodsetters, and others foresaid within the Paroch, who shall be obliged to meet and consider the former Certification.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the 29th day of September. And of Our Reign the second year.

Per A<sup>u</sup>m Don  
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GOD save King William and Queen Mary.

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